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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Chester Cooper
White House Staff
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT : The Impact of Intensified Air Attacks Against
Economic Targets in North Vietnam

1. The attached report was prepared in response to a request from Walt Rostow and is forwarded for your information. It is an analysis of the economic and social effects of a postulated escalation of US/GVN air attacks in North Vietnam.

2. The report concludes that the postulated escalation against almost all the major economic targets in North Vietnam would not substantially affect the ability of the North Vietnamese to supply the Communist forces in South Vietnam and that it would be unlikely to bring the regime to negotiations.

3. In addition to Walt Rostow, copies have been sent to Mr. Bundy, Secretary Rusk, Secretary McNamara, Deputy Secretary Vance, General Wheeler and General Taylor. We contemplate no further distribution.

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/s/ [REDACTED]
WILLIAM H. MORELL, JR.
Director
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